GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1392
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
SURVEY FOR AJMER-PUSHKAR MEDTA, MEDTA-JAITRAN-BILARABAPAWAR RAIL LINE
Rawat Prof. Rasa Singh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initial survey for Ajmer-Pushkar-Medta, Medta-Jaitran-Bilara- Bapawar railway line;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct fresh survey of the above route;

(c) if so, the details thereof, the date on which the decision for construction of Ajmer-Pushkar rail line was taken and the progress made so far to implement this decision;

(d) the reasons for the slow pace of progress;

(e) whether the process for acquisition of the required land has been completed;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether there will be continuous increase in the construction cost of the above project due to delay in its construction; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (h): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1392 BY PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN RAJASTHAN

(a): Survey for new broad gauge line from Ajmer to Merta Road via Pushkar was completed in March,1999. As per survey report, the cost of construction of 96.57 kms long line between Ajmer-Merta Road was assessed as Rs.208.76 crore with a rate of return of 0.79%. In the survey report, the viability of new line from Ajmer to Pushkarwas also worked out separately as per which cost of construction of 26.30 kms long line was assessed as Rs.66.54 crore with a rate of return of (-) 4.06%. Survey for Merta Road-Jaitran-Bilara-Beawar was not conducted.

(b) to (f): Updating surveys for new broad gauge lines between Pushkar-Merta Road and Bilara-Bar have been included in the Budget 2004-05. Further consideration of these lines would be feasible once the survey reports become available. The work of construction of rail line between Ajmer and Pushkar has been included in the Budget 2000-01. An amount of Rs.10.93 crorehas been deposited with the State Govt. towards land acquisition. The State Govt. has given the possession of only the private land so far. An amount of Rs.5 crore has been provided in the Budget 2004-05 for this work. The work would be taken up once the land is fully handed over to the Railways. The work is progressing as per availability of resources.

(g) & (h): Normally, the cost of the project increases during the construction period due to increase in cost of material, fuel, labour etc. In this case also, the cost of the project is likely to increase depending upon the completion period of the project.